--- “Series of 1883” - 200 Cigars - BLACK - 440 x 22 mm. - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-96 ---

--- recess printed on vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue “Montreal” control numbers ---

--- RG-272 - *coarse roulette* - with the 25 mm. “Ottawa” imprint - scanned at 35% scale ---

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This strip ***carries no reference*** to the “Series of 1883”.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records the ‘delivery’ of 5,150 copies of “200 Black Cigars” recess printed by hand press
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records the delivery of 25,000 copies of “200 Black Cigars” recess printed by hand press
5th ABN Supplement (1897-1898)	John McKay records the delivery of 505 copies of “200 Black Cigars” recess printed by hand press

These latter strips had been previously printed and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with their die preparation and printing.

4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	5,150 recess (hand press)	**000001** to **005150**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	25,000 recess (hand press)	**005150** to **030150**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	505 recess (hand press)	**030150** to **030655**
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Since the control numbering is in 4 mm. format, it appears that all of these strips were produced in a single printing at Montreal under the **4th BABN Contract** - prior to their 1887 return to Ottawa.

The catalogue lists the black 200 cigar “Series of 1883” as follows:

RG-272 - 200 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, recess printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, 438 x 22 mm. design, with the 26 mm. “Ottawa” imprint

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★**RG-272** - 200 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. control **018012**, *recess printed* by hand press in Montreal under the 5th BABN Contract

★**RG-272 CP** - 200 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. control **018026**, *recess printed* by hand press in Montreal under the 5th BABN Contract - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

018012★	RG-272	200 cigars, black, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on vertical mesh wove
018018	RG-272 CP	200 cigars, black, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - suspect
018026 ★	RG-272 CP	200 cigars, black, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - suspect

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